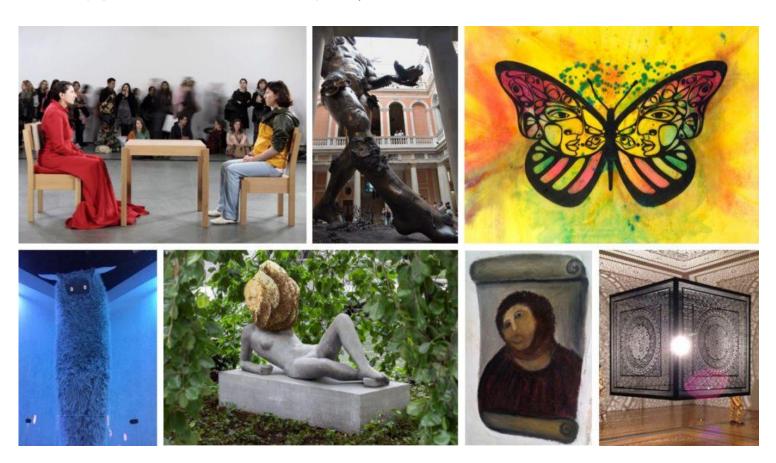
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## From the Sugar Sphinx to Beast Jesus, These Were the 100 Essential Artworks That Defined the 2010s—Ranked

In case you missed it.

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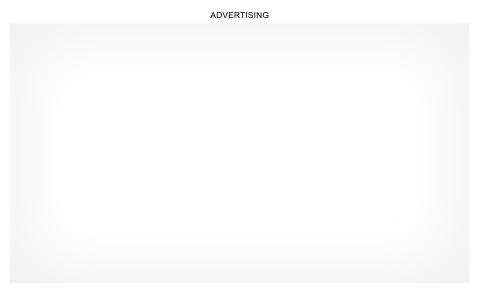


Clockwise from top left: Marina Abramović, *The Artist is Present* (2010); Damien Hirst's "Treasures From the Wreck of The Unbelievable"; Favianna Rodriguez, *Migration is Beautiful* (2013); Anila Quayyum Agha, *Intersections* (2014); Elías García Martínez, as restored by Cecilia Giménez, *Ecce Homo* (c.1930/2012); Pierre Huyghe, *Untilled (Liegender Frauenakt)* (2015); Meow Wolf, *The House of Eternal Return* (2014-ongoing).

Over the New Year holidays, I published a four-part piece on the 100 artworks that defined the decade. Artnet's <u>Art Angle podcast (https://news.artnet.com/the-art-angle)</u> also did an episode where we talked about my top choices and

what it even means to do a ranking like this. (For that matter, if you want a primer on my pick for #73, we did <u>a podcast</u> (<a href="https://news.artnet.com/the-art-angle/art-angle-podcast-banana-1742772">https://news.artnet.com/the-art-angle/art-angle-podcast-banana-1742772</a>) devoted to it over Christmas as well.)

Clearly, you can't take these things too seriously. End-of-year lists are stupid, end-of-decade lists are stupid to the power of ten, etc. But personally, I found this particular assignment—and very specifically the task of listing individual works that might serve as lasting symbols on the 2010s—pretty edifying. It's been a decade defined by information overload, and focusing on individual images helps make sense of it all.



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For ease of reference, and in case you missed them while you were doing better things, like celebrating the end of a decade, we're putting all the parts in one place.

The 100 Works of Art That Defined the Decade, Ranked: Part 1 (https://news.artnet.com/opinion/100-works-that-defined-the-decade-part-1-1729962)

The 100 Works of Art That Defined the Decade, Ranked: Part 2 (https://news.artnet.com/opinion/100-works-that-defined-the-decade-part-2-1738773)

The 100 Works of Art That Defined the Decade, Ranked: Part 3 (https://news.artnet.com/opinion/100-artworks-decade-part-3-1738743)

The 100 Works of Art That Defined the Decade, Ranked: Part 4 (https://news.artnet.com/opinion/the-100-works-of-art-that-defined-the-decade-ranked-part-4-1737885)

The Art Angle Podcast: The Radical, Viral Artworks That Defined the 2010s (https://news.artnet.com/the-art-angle/art-angle-best-of-decade-1743777)

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